

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between the
Asotin County Sheriff's Office
And
Clarkston Fire Department/Rescue One

THIS Memorandum of Understanding, is entered into this 20th day of June, 2011, by and between the Asotin County Sheriff's Office, hereafter referred to as the ACSO, and the Clarkston, Washington, Fire Department/Rescue One, and hereafter referred to as CFD.

WHEREAS, the ACSO and CFD share a commitment to providing effective and efficient response to incidents where rescue of individuals from the Snake River is necessary.

WHEREAS, ACSO maintains a jet boat that incorporates a hoist and equipment that can be utilized to hoist injured people from the river onto a platform where emergency medical services may be provided.

WHEREAS, ACSO also maintained an 18 foot outboard powered Boston Whaler that is normally stored at the County Shop on South Slope.

WHEREAS, CFD maintains one motorized Zodiac inflatable boat that may be deployed from a boat launch ramp.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do agree as follows:

1. The ACSO will be the lead rescue agency and incident commander in all boating emergency incidents occurring on the Snake River in which county assets are used.
2. When a river related incident is reported on the Snake River adjacent to the confines of the Clarkston, Washington city limits, and within the area further described as below the Southway bridge and 440 yards below the Redwolf Bridge, CFD responders will proceed to a site where they can join the Sheriff's Office responders, mount the boat and work as crewmembers under the direction of the ACSO marine Deputy operating the boat. If a victim is found necessary emergency medical care will be provided by the CFD responders during transport to an ambulance if transport is necessary.
3. If a river related incident occurs on the Snake River outside the Clarkston, Washington city limits CFD may be requested to respond and assist ACSO

with search and rescue efforts. The decision to respond to such a request rests solely upon CFD.

4. Communicating the availability of the ACSO boat to the CFD responders from will be initiated by Sheriff's Deputies or Whitcom.
5. As additional staff becomes available the CFD Zodiac boat may be launched to assist in the search for a victim if requested by the incident commander. Efforts of all rescue boats will be coordinated by the ACSO incident commander.
6. When an incident is reported and speedy response of the ACSO boat is not possible CFD will launch their boat and initiate a rescue effort/search within the above described geographical areas. When the ACSO boat is launched and if CFD staff is available two CFD personnel will respond as previously described.
7. Both ACSO and CFD will notify the other party when a water rescue situation occurs within the above described geographical area to coordinate rescue efforts. This contact may be direct over either agency's radio frequency or through Whitcom.
8. Clear communication between responders is encouraged, face to face or radio communication should be utilized to coordinate efforts. The incident commander may designate radio channel(s) for use by rescue boats at the incident.
9. Each party agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party, its agents, officers, and employees from all claims whatsoever that may arise against the other party as a result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts or omissions of the party or their respective public safety personnel.
10. Each party shall process and defend, at its own expense, any and all claims of whatsoever kind or nature, with respect to that party's acts or omissions.
11. This MOU will remain in effect until such time as another person assumes the duties of chief executive officer of either party.
12. This agreement may be terminated by either the ACSO or CFD upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.
13. Previous water rescue MOUs between ACSO and CFD are rendered null and void upon signing of this MOU.
14. The terms of this MOU may be amended by mutual agreement of ACSO and CFD. The party seeking an amendment shall submit a written request for

amendment to the other party. The request shall clearly describe the proposed change and why the change is necessary. The responding party shall schedule a review of the request within thirty (30) days from receipt of the request and shall respond within forty-five (45) days from receipt of the request. The responding party may approve, deny, or suggest modifications to the amendment. Any amendment shall be in writing, shall refer specifically to this agreement, and shall be executed by both parties.

G. K. Bancroft 6-20-11
G. K. Bancroft, Date
Asotin County Sheriff

Donna M. Engle June 20-2011
Donna Engle Date
Mayor, City of Clarkston